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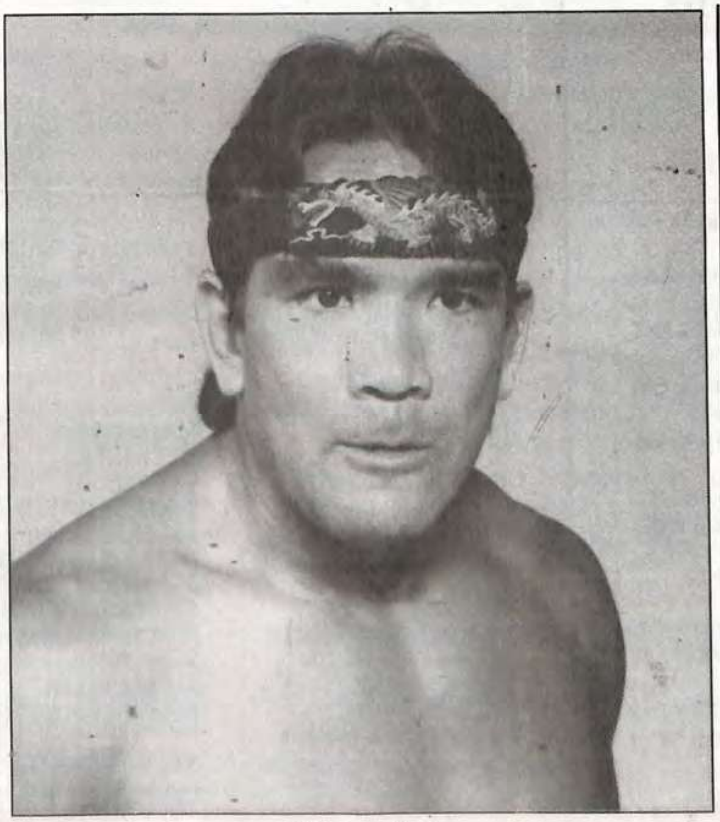
STEAMBOAT'S SLAMBOREE REMATCH REQUEST DENIED

Rick Steamboat's request for a rematch with WCW World champion **Ric Flair** at Slamboree '94 in Philadelphia has been denied by federation commissioner **Nick Bockwinkel**. Instead, a member of **Col. Robert Parker's "Stud Stable"** to be named on the night of the event will face Flair.

"The Dragon" is still upset about what happened in his match against Flair at Spring Stampede. That bout ended when both men's shoulders were pinned for a three-count. Bockwinkel, asked to make a ruling, said that since Steamboat, the challenger, did not actually beat Flair, the "Nature Boy" would get the decision and retain the title.

Steamboat and Flair wrestled again at Atlanta's Center Stage Theater on April 21. Flair got the pinfall after more than 35 minutes of action when Steamboat failed to execute a leapfrog properly and Flair rolled him up for the pin. Despite that loss, Steamboat still thinks he deserves a rematch at the May 22 pay-per-view event.

"Bockwinkel really missed the mark on this one," he said. "He should have signed the rematch the second Spring Stampede ended. I didn't lose that match. Bockwinkel's letting Flair duck me, and that isn't right."



Rick Steamboat

Parker didn't care about Steamboat's problems, but he did offer Flair a word of advice concerning the man he will be facing at Slamboree.

"Mr. Flair had better think about retiring if he knows what is best for him," crowed Parker. "If he does not take this final warning seriously, Flair may well find himself in the hospital eating his next meal from an intravenous tube."

Parker and Flair already had several confrontations at a TV taping at Atlanta's Center Stage Theater on April 21. While Parker was telling broadcaster **Gene Okerlund** that the opponent Flair will be facing was a 300-pound blond former world champion who had a special animosity for Flair, the "Nature Boy" came out. Parker then offered him the $100,000 he had in his briefcase to "walk away from the match right now."

When Parker opened the briefcase to show him the money, Flair kayoed the manager and left with the cash.

Later in the evening, during a tag team match pitting **Dustin Rhodes** and **Johnny B. Badd** against **Steve Austin** and **Bunkhouse Buck**, Parker entered the ring to prevent Rhodes from pinning Buck. When that happened, Flair charged out from the dressing room and attacked Parker.

Before Flair could do too much damage, a masked grappler—presumably the man Flair will be wrestling—came out and jumped Flair, pummelled him, and left him lying dazed in the ring.

"It doesn't matter who is hiding under that hood," Flair screamed, "he's gonna pay for what he did to me! I'll tear him limb from limb if I have to.

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WRESTLER OF THE WEEK

Chris Benoit

He is one of the most talented North American wrestlers, yet never gets the credit he deserves. At 5'10" and 218 pounds, Canada native **Chris Benoit** may not have what it takes to win a world title, but he still combines excellent technical and aerial skills as well as any light heavyweight in the world.

Benoit commands a tremendous amount of respect in Japan, where his high-risk aerial style is appreciated, but if he keeps wrestling the way he did on the independent circuit this week, he may finally become a star on this continent.

Benoit defeated **Rip Sawyer** on an American Commonwealth card Saturday night in Cocolamus, Pennsylvania, then came close to upsetting **Terry Funk** the next night on an NWA Championship Wrestling America card in Woodbury, New Jersey.

He and Funk battled at a furious pace. Both were eventually counted out of the ring, but Benoit was not satisfied with the decision. He asked for five extra minutes, and before Funk knew what hit him, Benoit rolled him up and nearly got the pinfall.

That was enough for Funk, who hightailed it back to the dressing room.

"I want to win every time out," Benoit said after the match. "You'll never reach your potential if you're content with draws and countout wins and double-countouts all the time."

Several months ago, Benoit didn't accept a victory by countout over **Sabu** and asked that the match continue. Sabu ended up winning after using a chair, but Benoit's enthusiasm is to be admired.

He keeps piling up victories on the independent circuit. And from all accounts, he is wrestling better than ever.

MATCH OF THE WEEK

Despite a valiant effort from **Rick Morton, The Rock 'n' Roll Express** couldn't hang on to the Smoky Mountain tag team title in Johnson City, Tennessee.

Before the Rock 'n' Rolls defended their tag team belts against **Brian Lee** and **Chris Candido**, Morton faced Candido in solo competition. After a hard-fought battle, Morton used a small package to get the victory.

The worst was still to come for Morton, however. Lee and **Robert Gibson** came to the ring at the end of the Morton-Candido match and a four-man brawl eventually erupted. During the confusion, Candido piledrived Morton. After Morton was helped back to the dressing room, referee **Mark Curtis** announced that Candido would be fined $1,000 for using the piledriver, which is illegal in Smoky Mountain Wrestling.

That infuriated **Tammy Fytch**, Lee and Candido's manager. She said the Rock 'n' Rolls should forfeit the tag belts if Morton couldn't wrestle.

When he heard that, Gibson stormed the ring and took on both men. Lee and Candido's double-teaming eventually took its toll. Gibson took all kinds of punishment until Morton somehow was able to stagger back to the ring!

He tagged his dazed partner and, holding a towel around his neck, hit both his foes with his one free hand. While Curtis escorted Gibson to his corner, Morton came off the ropes toward Candido, who ducked. Lee lifted Morton, dropped him throat-first onto the top rope, and got the pin.

YAY & NAY

A "Yay" to the WWF, for making its shows even more entertaining for fans. In addition to having many great matches on its 19-city "WrestleMania Revenge Tour," the federation is allowing fans to get more involved. Some spectators are being given a chance to serve as guest managers and timekeepers. Others get opportunities to wrestle in padded sumo costumes between matches. WWF officials will also hold drawings and award prizes to lucky fans. We'd love to see other federations follow suit.

A "Nay" to **Kevin Sullivan** for a tasteless remark at a WCW TV taping. Sullivan, who is preparing for his and **Cactus Jack's** tag team title match against **The Nasty Boys** at Slamboree in Philadelphia, asked, "What do **John Kruk**, Cactus Jack, and The Nasty Boys have in common?" His answer: "They're all gonna be missing body parts in Philadelphia!" Kruk, the Phillies' popular first baseman, recently underwent treatment for testicular cancer. Since the cancer was detected early, Kruk is expected to make a complete recovery, and is already back playing. Cancer is not something to make light of, Kevin.

A "Yay" to **Eddie Gilbert** for continuing to show that he is a changed man. At one recent USWA card, "Hot Stuff" was the special referee for the bout between Southern champion **Brian Christopher** and Eddie's own brother, **Doug**. Even though Eddie recently made amends with Christopher and his longtime rival **Jerry Lawler**, we figured he'd show a bias toward his brother. Not so. When he saw Doug using a chain, he immediately disqualified him. Perhaps Eddie could have a talk with **Curt Hennig**.

A "Nay" to **Irwin R. Schyster**, who apparently is having a hard time accepting the fact that he was outclassed in a feud with **Razor Ramon**. Schyster had many shots at the Intercontinental belt while Ramon was champ, but couldn't win it. At a recent card in Richfield, Ohio, Schyster helped out the current champ, **Diesel**, during his match with Ramon. He hit the "Bad Guy" with his metal briefcase, resulting in Diesel's disqualification. Stick to your own matches, Irwin!

THIS WEEK

April 30-May 6. All dates subject to change. (M) denotes matinee.

SAT/30	SUN/1	MON/2	TUE/3	WED/4	THU/5	FRI/6
AIWF: Stuart, VA	OCW: Canton, OH	USWA: Memphis, TN	SMW: Harriman, TN	SMW: Albany, KY	PWF: Belmont, NC	CWA: Indianapolis, IN
NGWA: Dahlonega, GA	SMW: Fedscreek, KY		USWA: Louisville, KY	USWA: Evansville, IN	USWA: Hernando, MS	GWF: Dallas, TX
PWF: Kings Mountain, NC	WWF: Fall River, MA;		WCW: Atlanta, GA		WCW: Sarasota, FL	NGWA: Douglasville, GA
SMW: Lenoir, NC	Worcester, MA				WWF: Lawrenceburg, TN	PWF: Red Springs, NC
USWA: Nashville, TN						SMW: Harlan, KY
WWWA: Quakertown, PA						USWA: Blytheville, AR
WWF: Wilton, CT; Boston, MA						WCW: Fort Pierce, FL
						WWF: McMinnville, TN

THIS WEEK: A feud is brewing between USWA champion Jerry Lawler and "Dream Machine" Troy Graham. It began when Graham pinned Lawler in a non-title match last Monday in Memphis, and intensified when Graham made disparaging remarks about Lawler's parents on USWA television. During Lawler's guest broadcasting stint, "The King" was even driven to attack Graham. "This guy is driving me crazy!" Lawler screams. "That's what I'm *tryin'* to do," Graham retorts. They meet again this Friday in Blytheville, Arkansas.

•WCW invades Sarasota, Florida, on Thursday. The headline bout pits Sting and Rick Steamboat against Steve Austin and Rick Rude.
•While Curt Hennig is sidelined with a foot injury, Crush is pinch-hitting for "Mr. Perfect" in his matches with Lex Luger. One of them occurs Thursday in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee.
•Tito Santana will have his hands full Saturday when he battles "tooth and nail" against The Convict Nailz on a WWWA card in Quakertown, Pennsylvania.

REPORTERS' NOTEBOOK

RICHFIELD, OHIO: WWF World Women's champion Alundra Blayze is hotter than ever. Yeah, right. She added another ho-hum win to her unimpressive resume when she pinned Lelani Kai ... again after executing a German waistlock suplex. Nothing against Kai, but she's seen better days. What I'm waiting for is the series of Blayze-Luna Vachon matches. It was supposed to happen here, but Kai had to fill in. I'm not sure why Vachon couldn't make it, but my sources inside the fan favorites' locker room tell me Blayze breathed a sigh of relief when told she wouldn't be facing Luna. Sorry, Alundra, but you can only duck her for so long.

—Eddie Ellner

JOHNSON CITY, TENNESSEE: Now that the Rock 'n' Rolls are *former* Smoky Mountain tag team champions again, could Tony Anthony be the next to fall? Anthony, the current SMW champ, survived a series of rematches with former titleholder Brian Lee, but new challengers are on the horizon. He has beaten 300,000-year-old mummy Prince Kharis in a number of matches; now Daryl Van Horne has a new wrestler in his "Family Of Lost Souls," the masked Kendo the Samurai. Kendo already made life difficult for Anthony when he blew a green slime into his face. "Dirty White Boy" now sports a patch over one eye and could be vulnerable.

—Andy Rodriguez

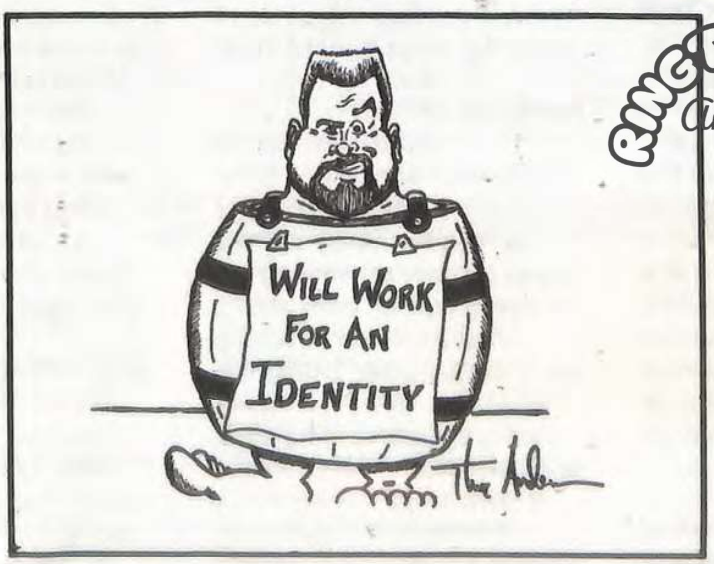
ATLANTA, GEORGIA: How do you prepare for a man who hasn't wrestled in several years? That's the question WCW TV champion Lord Steven Regal must be asking himself. The cocky Englishman will be facing current WCW *broadcaster* Larry Zbyszko at Slamboree '94 on May 22 in Philadelphia. In his heyday, Zbyszko was one of the cagiest wrestlers around. His skills and wrestling smarts won him many matches—and two AWA World titles—over the years. He confronted and attacked Regal and Sir William during a TV taping, and for that you have to admire his courage. But you also have to wonder if he still has what it takes to beat Regal.

—Dave Rosenbaum

COCOLAMUS, PENNSYLVANIA: It wasn't a handicap match, but Hacksaw Duggan did defeat both Vladimir and Ivan Koloff in one match on Saturday's ACW card. He was slated to face Vladimir, with Terry Funk serving as special referee. Seems the Koloffs made the mistake of getting on Funk's bad side. Duggan finally had enough of Vladimir and whacked him with his 2x4 while Vladimir was outside the ring. Then it was on to Ivan, who had made his way into the ring. Duggan floored him with his clothesline tackle and Funk made the count on *Ivan*. The Koloffs attacked Funk afterward, but can you blame them for being upset at that decision?

—Dave Lenker

STEVE ANDERSON'S VIEW



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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

April 30, 1983

Greg Valentine is awarded the U.S. title in Greensboro, North Carolina, following the stoppage of a match between challenger Valentine and champion Roddy Piper. Valentine had opened a large gash over Piper's left ear. NWA official Sandy Scott, at ringside for the bout, determined that Piper was unable to continue as a result of the bloody wound.

A FAN'S VIEW

After all these years of watching Jim Cornette, I've got to admit that the man knows how to manage. He has had great success in the NWA, WWF, and Smoky Mountain. Say what you will about the way he does things, but Cornette is an intelligent man who knows how to accomplish his goals.

Now he has the chance to prove it again. Within the span of two weeks, his two main proteges suffered crushing defeats. At WrestleMania X, Yokozuna, to whom Cornette serves as American spokesman, lost the WWF World title to Bret Hart.

Twelve days later, in Pikeville, Kentucky, The Heavenly Bodies lost the Smoky Mountain tag team title to The Rock 'n' Roll Express. Jim Del Ray and Tom Prichard were also forced to leave the federation.

Who does the "Louisville Lip" have left? He brought Bruiser Bedlam into SMW, where he has defeated Bob Armstrong several times. For now, that's the only new talent Cornette has in his stable.

If he is as good as he thinks he is, Cornette will focus his efforts on Yokozuna and the Bodies. The big Samoan was dominant in the past and could reach the top again. The Bodies will also need guidance if they are to get back on track in the WWF, Japan, or somewhere on the independent circuit.

Many great wrestling managers have played a major role in leading their men to championships. The best ones know how to help ex-champions become champions again. I wouldn't bet against Cornette doing just that.

—Glenn Colmar

(The writer is a wrestling fan from Winchester, Virginia. If you would like to contribute to this space, send your comments of about 250 words to "A Fan's View," c/o PRO WRESTLING ILLUSTRATED WEEKLY, Box 956, Fort Washington, PA 19034. All submissions are subject to editing for clarity and length.)

TRANSACTIONS

DEBUTED: Kendo the Samurai, in Smoky Mountain Wrestling. The mysterious masked man is managed by Daryl Van Horne and has already started to feud with heavyweight champion "Dirty White Boy" Tony Anthony.

INJURED: Evad Sullivan, in a locker room attack by The Nasty Boys. Sullivan suffered a broken leg. Cactus Jack will replace him at Slamboree on May 22; Jack will team with Kevin Sullivan in a tag team match against the WCW World tag team champions, The Nasty Boys.

WON: The Smoky Mountain tag team title, by Brian Lee and Chris Candido, on April 23 in Johnson City, Tennessee. They defeated The Rock 'n' Roll Express.

The PWF tag team title, by The Lion and Dusty Black, on April 23 in Taylorsville, North Carolina. They defeated Flaming Youth and Star Ryder.

The UWA heavyweight title, by Diamond Timothy Flowers, on April 23 in Cloverdale, British Columbia. He beat Bad News Allen in a steel cage match.

The Plant City Wrestling Federation heavyweight title, by Billy Mack, on April 21 in Plant City, Florida. He defeated Luscious Luke.

The Florida Wrestling Alliance tag team title, by Randy Fuller and Jim Watts, on April 18 in Tampa, Florida. They beat Jeff Bradley and The Viper.

WHO'S HOT, WHO'S NOT

Bret Hart

WHO'S HOT

Bret Hart. Gained some revenge on "Revenge" tour.

Kevin Sullivan. Who really needs Evad, anyway?

The Lion & Dusty Black. A loud roar reverberates through the PWF.

Brian Lee & Chris Candido. Showing Cornette how to beat Morton and Gibson.

Jerry Lawler

WHO'S NOT

Jerry Lawler. Sweet dreams, "King" … not!

The Mysterious Jackyl. Not yet his day in WCW.

Bobby Piper. Caught in a chain of defeat.

John Hawk. Can't beat Rod Price in Japan, either.

TRIVIA QUIZ

THE SUBJECT: JEFF JARRETT

1. What was Jeff's job in wrestling before turning pro?
2. When did Jeff make his pro debut?
3. True or false: During his first months as a pro, Jeff was a member of The Stud Stable.
4. Who was Jeff's opponent on the SuperClash III pay-per-view card in December 1988?
5. On May 30, 1989, Jeff and Kerry Von Erich lost the World Class tag team title to what team?
6. True or false: Jeff once teamed with Kamala in an effort to help the Ugandan Giant turn away from rulebreaking.
7. On October 6, 1990, Jeff captured the Southern title from what brawler?
8. Of Brian Lee, Steve Austin, and Tom Prichard, whom did Jeff defeat early in 1991 to capture the Southern title?
9. True or false: Jeff and longtime enemy Robert Fuller won the Southern tag team title together in 1991.
10. What was the name of the country music magazine Jeff placed himself on the cover of in an effort to boost his WWF career?

ANSWERS:

1—He was a referee; 2—April 1986; 3—False; 4—Eric Embry; 5—Cactus Jack & Zodiac II; 6—True; 7—Dick Slater; 8—all three (he held the belt several times that year); 9—True; 10—CountryBeat.

RATINGS

For period ending April 24, 1994

TOP 10
1 BRET HART (2)
WWF World champion
2 RIC FLAIR (1)
WCW World champion
3 STING (4)
No. 3 contender: WCW World title
4 OWEN HART (3)
No. 2 contender: WWF World title
5 BIG VAN VADER (5)
No. 6 contender: WCW World title
6 LEX LUGER (6)
No. 3 contender: WWF World title
7 STEVE AUSTIN (7)
WCW U.S. champion
8 TONY ANTHONY (10)
Smoky Mountain champion
9 DIESEL (8)
WWF Intercontinental champion
10 STEVE REGAL (–)
WCW TV champion

TAG TEAMS
1 THE QUEBECERS (2)
WWF World tag team champions
2 THE NASTY BOYS (1)
WCW World tag team champions
3 THE HEADSHRINKERS (–)
No. 1 contenders: WWF World tag title
4 MEN ON A MISSION (6)
No. 2 contenders: WWF World tag title
5 CHRIS CANDIDO & BRIAN LEE (–)
Smoky Mountain tag team champions
6 THE MOONDOGS (9)
No. 1 contenders: USWA tag title
7 RICK & SCOTT STEINER (4)
No. 3 contenders: WWF World tag title
8 PUBLIC ENEMY (7)
ECW tag team champions
9 THE ROCK 'N' ROLL EXPRESS (5)
No. 1 contenders: Smoky Mountain tag title
10 PAUL ORNDORFF & PAUL ROMA (–)
No. 1 contenders: WCW World tag title

WCW
World champion:
RIC FLAIR (C)
1—STEVE AUSTIN (1)
2—STEVE REGAL (4)
3—STING (2)
4—RICK STEAMBOAT (3)
5—RICK RUDE (7)
6—BIG VAN VADER (6)
7—BUNKHOUSE BUCK (8)
8—BRIAN PILLMAN (5)
9—DUSTIN RHODES (10)
10—JOHNNY B. BADD (–)

WWF
World champion:
BRET HART (C)
1—DIESEL (1)
2—OWEN HART (2)
3—LEX LUGER (4)
4—RAZOR RAMON (3)
5—BAM BAM BIGELOW (7)
6—KWANG THE NINJA (8)
7—IRWIN R. SCHYSTER (–)
8—CRUSH (–)
9—TATANKA (9)
10—SPARKY PLUGG (10)

USWA
USWA champion:
JERRY LAWLER (C)
1—BRIAN CHRISTOPHER (1)
2—TROY GRAHAM (5)
3—DOUG GILBERT (7)
4—TONY ANTHONY (–)
5—EDDIE GILBERT (3)
6—TOMMY RICH (2)
7—STEVEN DUNN (–)
8—JEFF GAYLORD (8)
9—SPELLBINDER (9)
10—COLORADO KID (–)

SMOKY MOUNTAIN
Smoky Mountain champion:
TONY ANTHONY (C)
1—BRUISER BEDLAM (5)
2—TRACEY SMOTHERS (4)
3—PRINCE KHARIS (1)
4—RICK MORTON (9)
5—CHRIS CANDIDO (3)
6—KENDO THE SAMURAI (–)
7—MIKE FURNAS (8)
8—BOBBY BLAZE (7)
9—ROBERT GIBSON (10)
10—BRAD BATTEN (–)

GLOBAL
Global champion:
ROD PRICE (C)
1—CHRIS ADAMS (1)
2—MIKE DAVIS (2)
3—JOHN HAWK (3)
4—MARC VALIANT (4)
5—SCOTT PUTSKI (5)
6—MOADIB (6)
7—JEEP SWENSON (7)
8—STEVEN DANE (8)
9—THE INTRUDER (9)
10—ICEMAN PARSONS (10)

WWWA
WWWA heavyweight champ:
BRUTUS BEEFCAKE
1—JACK HAMMER
2—NAILZ
3—SID VICIOUS
4—TITO SANTANA
5—RICK MARTEL
6—HARLEY LEWIS
7—JOHNNY GUNN
8—JIM NEIDHART
9—ABDULLAH THE BUTCHER
10—KING KAHLUA

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PWI WEEKLY ROUND-UP

WOODBURY, NJ, Saturday, April 23: NWA at the National Guard Armory: **Doink the Clown** defeated **Dave Johnson** ... **Osamu Nishimura** beat **Silver Shadow** ... **Jerry Lawler** defeated **Johnny Gunn** ... **The Blackharts** beat **The Hollywood Kids** ... **Terry Funk** battled **Chris Benoit** to a double-countout.

—Timothy A. Walker

PFAFFTOWNE, NC, Saturday, April 23: AIWF at the Community Center: **Jumpin' Jimmy** defeated **King Cobra** ... **Indian Outlaw** beat **James Barretta** ... **"Mean" Mark Ash** defeated **Chris Windham** ... **Daniel Lee** beat **Brian Danzig** in a loser-gets-whipped match ... **Jammer** defeated **Dynamite Doug** in a lumberjack match ... **The Tennessee Violence Authority** beat **The Intimidator** & **Chuckie Baby** ... **The Boston Terrier** defeated heavyweight champion **Sebastian Kane** by disqualification.

—Dean Puckett

TAYLORSVILLE, NC, Saturday, April 23: Pro Wrestling Federation at the National Guard Armory: Heavyweight champion **Italian Stallion** beat **Austin Steele** ... Junior heavyweight champion **George South** beat **American Ninja Lee** ... **The Lion** & **Dusty Black** beat tag team champions **Flaming Youth** & **Star Ryder** to win the belts ... **Russian Assassin II** beat **Troy Conyers** ... Intercontinental champion **Cruel Connection II** beat **Masked Maniac.**

—Brock Chandler

RICHFIELD, OH, Saturday, April 23: WWF at the Coliseum: **Kwang the Ninja** pinned **The Kid** after a flying back kick ... **Lex Luger** pinned **Crush** (substituting for **Curt Hennig**) with a small package ... World Women's champion **Alundra Blayze** pinned **Leilani Kai** (substituting for **Luna Vachon**) with a German suplex ... **Razor Ramon** defeated Intercontinental champion **Diesel** by disqualification when **Irwin R. Schyster** hit Ramon with his briefcase ... **Bam Bam Bigelow** pinned **Sparky Plugg** after a flying headbutt from the top rope ... **Irwin R. Schyster** beat **Tatanka** by disqualification when Tatanka shoved the referee ... World tag team champions **The Quebecers** defeated **Men on a Mission** (substituting for **Rick & Scott Steiner**) when **Pierre** pinned **Mo** ... World champion **Bret Hart** pinned **Owen Hart** with a reverse rollup, swatting Owen on the rear during the three-count. An angry Owen attacked Bret after the bell, hitting him with the title belt.

—Tom Ford & Jeff Gorman

DOWNINGTOWN, PA, Saturday, April 23: World Wide Wrestling Alliance at the Farmers' Market: **The Overlord** beat **Juggernaut** ... **Glenn Osbourne** defeated **Harley Lewis** ... **King Kahlua** beat **Drake Debonair** ... **The Mad Russian** defeated **Bobby Piper** in a Russian chain match ... **Mr. Motion** beat **Steve Richards** ... Tag team champions **The Diamond Express** defeated **The East-West Connection** when **Derrick Domino** pinned **Rick Ratchet** ... **Super Nova** beat **The Metal Maniac** ... Intercontinental champion **Jack Hammer** battled **Jimmy Snuka** to a double-countout.

—Dan Haney

JOHNSON CITY, TN, Saturday, April 23: Smoky Mountain Wrestling at Freedom Hall: **Mike Furnas** defeated **The Hornet** ... **Well Dunn** beat **Bobby Blaze** & **Anthony Michaels** ... **Tracey Smothers** defeated **Kendo the Samurai** by disqualification ... **"Dirty White Girl" Kimberly** beat **Peggy Lee Leather** ... Heavyweight champion **Tony Anthony** defeated **Prince Kharis** ... **Rick Morton** beat **Chris Candido** ... **Brian Lee** & **Chris Candido** defeated tag team champions **The Rock 'n' Roll Express** to win the belts.

—Ron Donnelly

CLOVERDALE, BRITISH COLUMBIA, Saturday, April 23: West Coast Championship Wrestling at The Fairgrounds Products Building: **"Diamond" Timothy Flowers** beat **Bad News Allen** in a cage match to win the UWA heavyweight title ... **Michelle Starr** defeated **Johnny Canuck**, with Starr's feet on the ropes during the pin ... **Doby Gillis** beat **Rocky Dellaserra** by disqualification when **Lord Jonathan Flash** interfered ... **Firefighter Adrian** defeated **Randy Tyler** by disqualification ... **Mike Roselli** beat **Riptide Rockford.**

—Stuart Kemp

INDIANAPOLIS, IN, Friday, April 22: Championship Wrestling America at Tyndall Armory: **Troy Haste** beat **Jerry Faith** ... **Sean Casey** defeated **Danny Davis** by disqualification ... **Doug-O'Briley & Flash Flannagan** beat **The Bar Room Brawlers** ... **Mike Samples** defeated **Dan Childers.**

—Sandy English

COCOLAMUS, PA, Friday, April 22: American Commonwealth Wrestling "Spring WrestleBash '94" at East Juniata High School: **Johnny Gunn** pinned **"Luscious" Johnny Graham** ... Keystone State light heavyweight champion **Lord Zoltan** (managed by **Daryl Von Horne**) beat **Lucifuge** ... **The Bad Crew** battled **The Goodfellas** to a double-disqualification ... Heavyweight champion **Giant T. Rantula** defeated **Glenn Osbourne** by reverse decision ... **Chris Benoit** pinned **Rip Sawyer** ... **Doink the Clown** pinned **3-D** ... **Hacksaw Duggan** beat **Vladimir Koloff** in an anything-goes flag match. Duggan pinned **Ivan Koloff**, Vladimir's second; the pin was counted by special referee **Terry Funk.**

—Timothy A. Walker

CLINCHCO, VA, Friday, April 22: Smoky Mountain Wrestling at the Elementary School: **Anthony Michaels** defeated **The Hornet** ... **Well Dunn** beat **Tracey Smothers** & **Bobby Blaze** ... Heavyweight champion **Tony Anthony** defeated **Prince Kharis** ... Tag team champions **The Rock 'n' Roll Express** beat **Brian Lee** & **Chris Candido** by disqualification ... **Tracey Smothers** won a battle royal.

—Tara Kimrey

TOKYO, JAPAN, Friday, April 22: NOW at Korakuen Hall: **Kazuhiko Matsuzaka** beat **Ho Des Min** ... **Masahiko Takasugi** defeated **Ryo Myake** ... **Kishin Kawabata** & **Apollo Sugawara** beat **Mr. Nasty** & **Bill Irwin** ... **Rod Price** & **Kendo Nagasaki** defeated **Tiger Jeet Singh Jr.** & **John Hawk** ... **Tiger Jeet Singh Jr.** beat **Umansouke Ueda** by disqualification.

—Koichi Yoshizawa

PLANT CITY, FL, Thursday, April 21: Plant City Wrestling Federation at the Auction: **Billy Garrett** defeated **Cody Wade** ... **Freight Train Freddy** beat **Bill Payne** ... **Randy Fuller** & **Jimmy Watts** fought **Rick Thames** & **Sonny T** to a double-countout ... **Odessa Slim** defeated **The Creeker** ... **Billy Mack** pinned heavyweight champion **Luscious Luke** to win the title.

—Shannon Rose

ATLANTA, GA, Thursday, April 21: *WCW Saturday Night* taping at Center Stage Theater: TV champion **Lord Steven Regal** pinned **Alex Wright** with a backslide ... World champion **Ric Flair** pinned **Rick Steamboat** with a cradle ... **Brian Pillman** pinned **Ronnie Vegas** following a flying clothesline off the top rope ... **Rick Steamboat** pinned **The Mysterious Jackyl** following a flying bodypress ... **Harlem Heat** beat **Bobby Walker** & **Larry Rich** ... **"Diamond" Dallas Page** defeated **Dave Hart** ... TV champion **Lord Steven Regal** (with **Sir William**) beat **Kenny Kendall** ... **Terra Ryzing** defeated **Al Phillips** ... **Marcus Alexander Bagwell** beat **Bad Attitude** by disqualification in a handicap match ... **Paul Orndorff** & **Paul Roma** defeated **Brad** & **Brian Armstrong** when Roma pinned Brian following a splash off the top rope ... **Dustin Rhodes** & **Johnny B. Badd** beat **Steve Austin** & **Bunkhouse Buck** by disqualification when **Col. Robert Parker** broke up Rhodes' pin on Buck. **Ric Flair** then beat up Parker, after which a masked member of Parker's **Stud Stable** beat up on Flair.

—Steven Stanley

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, WV, Thursday, April 21: Smoky Mountain Wrestling at the Civic Center: **Brad Batten** defeated **James Alls** ... **Bart Batten** beat **Fire the Inferno** ... Heavyweight champion **Tony Anthony** defeated **Prince Kharis** ... Tag team champions **The Rock 'n' Roll Express** beat **Chris Candido** & **Brimstone the Inferno** ... **Tony Anthony** won a battle royal.

—Millicent Gillingham

AOMORI, JAPAN, Thursday, April 21: FMW at the Gym: **Mitsuhiro Matsunaga** beat **Tetsuhiro Kuroda** ... **Gosaku Goshogawara** defeated **Mr. Chin** ... **Gosaku Goshogawara** & **Battle Ranger** beat **Masato Tanaka** & **Koji Nakagawa** ... **Sambo Asako** defeated **Damian** ... **Katsutoshi Niiyama** & **Mr. Gannosuke** beat **Dr. Luther** & **Ricky Fuji** ... **Tsuppari Mack, Shark Tsuchiya, Crusher Maedomari,** & **Combat Toyota** defeated **Nurse Nakamura, Yukie Nabeno, Miwa Sato,** & **Megumi Kido** ... **Hisakatsu Oya** & **Mr. Pogo** beat World Brass Knuckles tag team champions **Big Titan** & **The Gladiator** to win the title ... **Atsushi Onita, Tarzan Goto, Sambo Asako,** & **Mr. Gannosuke** defeated **Hideki Hosaka, Hisakatsu Oya, Mr. Pogo,** & **Goro Tsurumi** in a no-ropes, barbed-wire, street-fight, tornado death match.

—Koichi Yoshizawa

GITU, JAPAN, Thursday, April 21: WAR at the Gym: **Jen Yukari** defeated **Michiko Ohmukai** ... **Otaku Hozumi** & **Eagle Sawai** beat **Mitsuki Endo** & **Eumi Kazama** ... **Yamato** & **Gedo** defeated **Matsuoka** & **Koji Ishinriki** ... **Mil Mascaras** & **Dos Caras** beat **Lion Heart** & **Ultimo Dragon** ... **Genichiro Tenryu** defeated **Jado** ... **Koki Kitahara** beat **Super Strong Machine** ... **Arashi** defeated **Nobukazu Hirai** ... **King Haku** beat **Takashi Ishikawa** ... **Hiromichi Fuyuki** beat **Ashura Hara.**

—Masanori Sukawa

ATLANTA, GA, Wednesday, April 20: *WCW Saturday Night* taping at Center Stage Theater: **Sting** defeated **Bob Starr** with a Scorpion deathlock ... **Brian Pillman** beat **The Gambler** ... **Rick Steamboat** defeated **Rick Fargo** ... **Big Van Vader** pinned **Maxx Payne** after two middle-rope splashes and one top-rope splash. After the pin, **Rick Rude** came in and attacked Vader and manager **Harley Race** with a chair ... **Johnny B. Badd** beat **Ronnie Haven** ... **Bunkhouse Buck** (with **Col. Robert Parker**) defeated **Al Phillips** ... **Arn Anderson** pinned **Brad Armstrong** following a DDT ... U.S. champion **Steve Austin** (with **Col. Robert Parker**) pinned **Dustin Rhodes** after **Bunkhouse Buck** hit Rhodes with a bullrope cowbell ... **Rick Rude** beat **Mark Starr** ... World tag team champions **The Nasty Boys** defeated **Brad Anderson** & **Larry Rich** ... **Dustin Rhodes** beat **The Mysterious Jackyl** ... **The Patriot** defeated **Tony Zane** ... **Kevin Sullivan** beat **Tex Slazenger** & **Shanghai Pierce** in what had been announced as a tag team match. Sullivan tossed both opponents out of the ring before **The Nasty Boys** ran in to double-team him; **Cactus Jack** then ran in and helped Sullivan ... **The Border Patrol** beat **Rip Rogers** & **The Terrorist.**

—Steven Stanley

TOWADA, JAPAN, Wednesday, April 20: FMW at the Gym: **Mitsuhiro Matsunaga** defeated **Masato Tanaka** ... **Gosaku Goshogawara** beat **Mr. Chin** ... **Koji Nakagawa** & **Battle Ranger** defeated **Gosaku Goshogawara** & **Tetsuhiro Kuroda** ... **Ricky Fuji** beat **Goro Tsurumi** by disqualification ... **Tsuppari Mack, Shark Tsuchiya, Crusher Maedomari,** & **Combat Toyota** defeated **Megumi Kido, Miwa Sato, Yukie Nabeno,** & **Keiko Iwame** ... **The Gladiator** beat **Damian** ... **Big Titan** & **Dr. Luther** defeated **Tarzan Goto** & **Mr. Gannosuke** ... **Atsushi Onita, Sambo Asako,** & **Katsutoshi Niiyama** beat **Mr. Pogo, Hikasatsu Oya,** & **Hideki Hosaka** in a barbed-wire street fight.

—Koichi Yoshizawa

YASHIO, JAPAN, Wednesday, April 20: NOW at the Gym: **Ryo Myake** beat **Hiroshi Ono** ... **Masahiko Takasugi** defeated **Ho Des Min** ... **Rod Price** beat **Mr. Nasty** ... **Kendo Nagasaki** & **Tiger Jeet Singh Jr.** battled **John Hawk** & **Bill Irwin** to a double-disqualification ... **Apollo Sugawara** & **Kishin Kawabata** defeated **Tiger Jeet Singh Sr.** & **Umanosuke Ueda** by disqualification.

—Masanori Sukawa

TAMPA, FL, Tuesday, April 19: Florida Wrestling Alliance at Uptown-21: **Manny Fernandez** beat **Sasquatch** ... **Chubby Mo Cool** defeated **The Mechanic** ... **Randy Fuller** & **Jim Watts** beat **Sid Powers** & **Billy Mack** ... **The Nuclear Assassin** defeated **Haystacks Calhoun Jr.** ... **Jeff Bradley** beat **The Garbage Man** ... **The Armed Forces** defeated **The Masked Outlaws.**

—Shannon Rose

TAMPA, FL, Monday, April 18: Florida Wrestling Alliance at Crossovers: **Panama Jack** beat **Sid Powers** by disqualification ... **The Navy Seal** defeated **Jeff James** by disqualification when **Nasty Ronnie** interfered ... **The Southern Posse** beat **Mike Kaynor** & **Manny Fernandez** ... **Haystacks Calhoun Jr.** defeated **The Mechanic** ... **Manny Fernandez** beat **Bill Pain** by disqualification ... **Randy Fuller** & **Jim Watts** defeated **Jeff Bradley** & **The Viper** to win the FWA tag team belts.

—Shannon Rose

MEMPHIS, TN, Monday, April 18: USWA at the Mid-South Coliseum: **Spellbinder** beat **Tony Falk** ... **The Colorado Kid** defeated **Leon Downs** ... **The Spiders** fought **Ian** & **Axl Rotten** to a 10-minute draw ... **Tony Anthony** beat **Steven Dunn** ... **Billy Travis** & **Don Bass** defeated **The Moondogs** ... Southern champion **Brian Christopher** beat **Doug Gilbert** by disqualification ... **Eddie Gilbert** defeated **Tommy Rich** by disqualification when **Doug Gilbert** interfered ... **"Dream Machine" Troy Graham** beat USWA champion **Jerry Lawler** in a non-title match.

—Bret Mulholland

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Nobody gets away with that kind of attack on the 'Nature Boy.'"

When asked about Steamboat later, Flair offered no sympathy.

"Rick Steamboat is yesterday's news," the "Nature Boy" said. "He had his shot at greatness and he failed. If he was a man, he wouldn't cry about it. Let him go cry to Bockwinkel."

Bockwinkel, meanwhile, issued the following statement: "Though it was clear to everyone who witnessed the Ric Flair-Rick Steamboat match at Spring Stampede that Steamboat wrestled well, it was the decision of the WCW board of directors that Col. Robert Parker would receive the contract for Flair's challenger at Slamboree. At Mr. Parker's discretion, a member of his Stud Stable will challenge Flair for the World title."

Steamboat said he read the statement, but was still not satisfied.

"This isn't over between me and Flair," he said. "When he finishes his business with Parker, I'll still be here waiting!"

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It appears that **Lex Luger** will have to wait a while to get revenge on **Curt Hennig**. "Mr. Perfect" reportedly has suffered a foot injury that will keep him out of action for several weeks.

According to several reliable WWF sources, Hennig has struck a deal with **Crush**, whom "Mr. Perfect" has asked to wear Luger down so he will be able to easily destroy him after his foot heals.

"[Hennig and Crush] have definitely talked recently," said one WWF rulebreaker. "They feel like they can help each other—kind of like one hand washing the other. Basically, I think Curt told him he'd be available to help Crush out somewhere down the road if he got into a tough feud or something. They could make a pretty tough one-two punch, if you ask me."

Crush substituted for Hennig on the first leg of the WWF's "WrestleMania Revenge Tour" on April 23 in Richfield, Ohio. Luger pinned the mighty Hawaiian using a small package.

Luger, of course, believes Hennig cost him the World title at WrestleMania. "Mr. Perfect," the special referee for the Luger-**Yokozuna** match, refused to make the three-count when Luger had Yokozuna covered, then disqualified Luger for shoving him. ☐

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